

But, unfortunately, instead of working together to make economic justice a reality for every American, this Republican Tea Party will waste another year without a jobs bill, without extending any help to the millions of Americans in need, and without helping American retirees.

So we should be putting our Nation before our party. Americans can't wait and neither should this Congress.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 36 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

Reverend Karen Hallett, United States Army, New Windsor, New York, offered the following prayer:

Reading from the book of Exodus, Moses said to the Lord, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but You have not let me know whom You will send with me . . . If You are pleased with me, teach me Your ways so I may know You and continue to find favor with You. Remember that this nation is Your people."

The Lord replied, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Then Moses said to him, "If Your presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that You are pleased with me and with Your people unless You go with us? What else will distinguish me and Your people from all the other people on the face of the Earth?"

And the Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you ask because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."

Then Moses said, "Now show me Your glory."

And this, O Lord, is our prayer:

We do not come seeking Your blessing. Today, Lord, we come seeking You. We invite You to truly be present with us here today. Show us Your glory, Lord, that we might be changed and set apart upon the Earth once again as a people of faith, a Nation that knows You. Make Your face to shine upon us that we might reflect Your grace. And grant us Your peace we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's pro-

ceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BUCSHON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BUCSHON led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING REVEREND KAREN HALLETT

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. GARRETT) is recognized for 1 minute.

Mr. GARRETT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the words of the chaplain who says may we indeed know the Lord.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chaplain Karen Hallett on her selection as the 2012 Reserve Officers Association Chaplain of the Year. She is a resident of Vernon, New Jersey, which is a part of the Fifth Congressional District.

The chaplain enlisted in the Army in 1983 and completed basic combat training at Fort Dix, New Jersey. She went on from there to graduate from West Point and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army Ordnance Corps in 1988.

After that and after fulfilling her enlistment obligations, she spent 18 years in the civilian sector, successfully managing businesses while remaining engaged in full-time ministry. In 2009, after completing her master's of divinity degree at Bethel Seminary, she returned to military service as a captain in the United States Army Reserves. She currently serves as a brigade chaplain for the 411th Engineer Brigade.

Throughout her more than 20 years of ministerial service and missionary work, and now through her military service to our country, she has dedicated herself to ministering to the spiritual needs of others. It is her selflessness and her service that exemplify the mandate to esteem others better than ourselves.

I thank her for her service. I congratulate her on receiving this recognition as Chaplain of the Year.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO BOARD OF VISITORS TO THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

The SPEAKER. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a) and the order of the House of January 5, 2011, of the following Members of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy:

Mr. SHIMKUS, Illinois

Mr. WOMACK, Arkansas

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by the Speaker on Friday, January 27, 2012:

H.R. 3800, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3801, to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to clarify the definition of aircraft and the offenses penalized under the aviation smuggling provisions under that Act, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

PRESIDENT'S DEFENSE STRATEGY ENDANGERS NATIONAL DEFENSE

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Baker Spring of the prestigious Heritage Foundation recently warned:

"It is clear that the fiscal year 2013 defense budget will not provide the U.S. military with the resources it needs. Even more problematic is that all reductions to the defense budget are front-loaded, and, therefore will have significant and immediate implication for readiness, modernization programs, and research and development."

Our servicemembers, their families, and veterans have dedicated their lives to this country. House Republicans understand that in order to keep American families safe, we must fight to stop these reductions. I look forward to working with House Armed Services Committee Chairman BUCK MCKEON to find ways to promote the proven path of peace through strength.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

Welcome Episcopal Father Carroll McGee of West Columbia to Washington for the National Prayer Breakfast.

ANNIVERSARY OF ARMENIAN POGROMS

(Ms. CHU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. CHU. Between 1988 and 1990, the Armenian population was the target of racially motivated pogroms in Azerbaijan. Hundreds of Armenians were murdered and more wounded during three violent attacks in Sumgait, Kirovabad, and Baku.